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SUBJECT:EXCLUSIVITY ISSUE AT 14TH ECLA SESSION (APRIL

- 27 - MAY 8, 1971) SANTIAGO, CHILE

FOR STOKES OF USDEL TO ECLA FROM KAHN

1. IN PARA 2 BELOW IS SUMMARY OF THIS ISSUE TAKEN FROM
CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, ISSUE 18 OF JUNE 1, 1971.
IN PARA 2 BELOW IS DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE TAKEN FROM
PAGE 9 OF USDEL REPORT (SANTIAGO A-148) DATED MAY 12, 1971.

2. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE
SESSION, FROM THE LATIN POINT OF VIEW, WAS THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT
EXPERTS, DRAWN FROM ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' MEMBERS OF
ECLA, TO SERVE AS A FORUM FOR ANALYZING THE DIFFERENT
POINTS OF VIEW CONNECTED WITH THE ACHIEVEMENT AND APPRAISAL
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OF SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE STRATEGY. IN ADDITION, THAT COMMITTEE WILL SERVE AS A SOURCE OF STAFF WORK TO HELP THE LATINS PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR'S SESSION OF UNCTAD III. THE U.S. OPPOSED FORMULATION OF THE COMMITTEE ALONG THE FOREGOING LINES, BELIEVING THAT IT WAS AGAINST UNPRECEDENTS TO HAVE MEMBERSHIP DIVIDED ON DEVELOPED/DEVELOPING CRITERIA. WE ASKED FOR VOTING BY PARAGRAPH ON

THE RESOLUTION AND THEN VOTED AGAINST THE PARAGRAPH LIMITING MEMBERSHIP TO HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. OBVIOUSLY ALLUDING TO U.S. RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROCEDURE OF USING THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE, ECLA'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, QUINTANA STRESSED IN HIS CLOSING ADDRESS THAT NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS INTENDED.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVED ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY CALLS ON THE LA COUNTRIES: (1) TO DEFINE THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TO IMPROVE THEIR STATISTICAL DATA IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD THESE GOALS; (2) INSTRUCTS THE SECRETARIAT TO ADOPT THE NECESSARY MEASURES, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, FOR CARRYING OUT APPRAISALS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL; (3) ESTABLISHES A COMMITTEE OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS, COMPOSED OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, TO SERVE AS A FORUM FOR ANALYZING THE DIFFERENT POINTS CONNECTED WITH THE ACHIEVEMENT AND APPRAISAL OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IN LATIN AMERICA; AND (4) ASKS THE SECRETARIAT TO CONTINUE OR INITIATE STUDIES RELATED TO THE STRATEGY. FRANCE AND THE U.S. OBJECTED TO THE SPECIFIC EXCLUSION OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FROM THE COMMITTEE, AND A WORKING GROUP ON WHICH FRANCE REPRESENTED THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, UNDERTOOK TO FIND A FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH GROUPS OF COUNTRIES. THE RESULT - ADDING "OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS" WHICH HAD NOT BEEN IN THE ORIGINAL - WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S., WHICH ASKED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE ON THIS PARAGRAPH. THE PARAGRAPH WAS APPROVED WITH A VOTE OF 21 IN FAVOR; 1 AGAINST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(U.S.) AND 1 ABSTENTION (CANADA). THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE U.S. REQUESTING THAT THE EXPLANATIONS OF ITS VOTE ON THE PARAGRAPH IN DISPUTE BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. WHEN THE RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PLENARY, THE U.S. DID NOT REQUEST A SEPARATE VOTE ON THE PARAGRAPH BUT IN AN EXPLANATION OF ITS VOTE EXPRESSED ITS

UNDERSTANDING THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD UN
PRACTICE, THE COMMITTEE WOULD REPORT TO THE COMMISSION
AND THAT DOCUMENTATION PREPARED BY IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE
TO ALL ECLA MEMBERS. THE VOTE IN PLENARY WAS AGAIN
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